Storage Manager at MTCC

Lessons Learned and Development

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Lessons Learned from MTCC1

- Directly writing POOL/ROOT files is too slow
 - ROOT de-serialization is a fundamental limit
- Streamer files are too large and ratio of streamer file size to "actual data" size was too variable
 - Serialization of objects lost the compression contained in ROOT
- Insufficient resources to convert streamer file to root files in real-time
- Dual configuration file feature of SM not desirable
- The SM needed to be more stable and fault tolerant
- Need to ensure streamer files are really used in an intermediate stage only the format is designed to be temporary and should not be stored in MSS
 - Issues with de-serialization of old objects in a newer CMSSW version
- Need better feedback and communication with MTCC people, and better deployment method (last but most important!)

To Implement for MTCC2

Proposed changes for MTCC2

- Already for end of MTCC1: Christoph Paus and his strong MIT group to work on SM operations, deployment, and to include SM development, particularly for operations-related and interaction with Tier-0
- Use compression in streamer files
- Deploy support for multiple event consumers
- Convert streamer files to Pool/Root files in real-time(?)
- Increase 10K events/file limit

• Current development planned to use in MTCC2 (depends on time)

- More thread-safe and fault tolerant code
- Filling of trigger path status bits in Event Header
- Ability to write multiple streamer files based on trigger path status bit selection
- Ability for event consumers to get events based on trigger path status bit selection
- Ability for cmsRun converter to read in multiple streamer files
- Entry in a statistics file ("ascii text DB") for each streamer file written
- Other items from Christoph's team(?)